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RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST
FOIA FILE NO.: P487711

Dear Ms. Haskins:

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department on May 1, 2019 for the following records and information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 *et seq*:

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act., I hereby request the following records:

Public reports have stated that the Los Angeles Police Department has made use of services from Justice and Security Strategies, Inc. (JSS). (<http://newweb.jssinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Spotlight-on-Operation-LASER.pdf>)

Therefore, I am requesting documents related to the implementation of JSS as they may have been used in Chicago. I hereby request:

** Any software and algorithms developed for the implementation of JSS. I'm particularly interested in any algorithms that have a public policy outcome, such as providing guidance on a policy or an assessment of an individual. More generally, I would like any software that was developed by or with, given to, used by, purchased or licensed to this agency for implementation of the above referenced program. This would include original source code, any compiled binaries (also known as executables), spreadsheets, program scripts, and other digital materials used to calculate any data in the above program. It would also include the input training data for machine learning algorithms. Collectively, these responsive materials will be referred to as "the software" in the following paragraphs.*

** All instructional materials, presentations and presentation materials (including recorded video and audio, PowerPoint files, prepared remarks, and slides formats), and other guidance on the use of "the software." This includes any notes taking during meetings that discussed the use of the software, any explanations (whether internally or externally generated) of how the software works, and any other document that has been used to help explain the use of "the software" to any party, including internal documentation, public relations materials, and executive summaries. This also includes any description of input and output data fields that will aid in understanding the type of information that is submitted to the software, and that is produced by the software.*

** A copy of any privacy impact assessments, use policies, standard operating procedures, data retention policies, legal opinions, warranties, non-disclosure agreements, contracts, liability waivers, insurance agreements, Requests for Proposals, Responses to Requests for Proposal, Memorandums of Understanding, Letters of Interest, usage policies, or informal agreements that reference "the software" or otherwise guide its use or the relationship between this agency and the provider or developer of the software.*

** A copy of any funding opportunity announcements, grant applications and grantor status/progress reports, reports to legislative bodies, annual reports that mention the use of the software, as well as audit records, including but not limited to security audits of the software, misuse reports, and reports to oversight bodies.*

** A copy of any validation studies conducted with respect to JSS or with respect to any software or algorithms used in connection with JSS, and a copy of any records pertaining to inquiries for the need of validation studies, or discussion of potential or actual validation studies. By "validation study," I mean any study designed to assess how accurate JSS is in predicting what it is supposed to predict, or to assess whether JSS may err in the direction of either under- or overestimating likelihoods or predicted outcomes, or may produce any results that are biased or unexpected in any way.*

** For the aspects of the software that require an input, for example, to compute a value, we request a copy of the five most recent sets of data that were used for input, as well as the five most recent outputs of the software, in whatever their native format is. If these inputs or outputs include exempt information, we ask that you exempt only that information which is specifically exempted from law, and provide the other material.*

** Any and all electronic communications that mention JSS, and any attachments in said electronic communications, from members of the CPD . Additionally, any and all electronic communications between members of the CPD and JSS representatives.*

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. It will be used in the course of reporting for Motherboard, VICE's science and technology website (www.motherboard.vice.com).

As permitted by Section 5 ILCS 140/3(e) of the Act, the time was extended in order to conduct a thorough search for these records. Your request was reviewed by the undersigned in collaboration with CPD's Crime Prevention and Information Center (CPIC) and the Grants Division. A search of our records was conducted based upon the parameters provided. I must inform you that a search of CPD records proved negative for responsive records concerning CPD contact with Justice and Security Strategies, Inc. (JSS). Therefore, it is determined that there are no responsive records for your request.

You have the right to a review under 5 ILCS 140-9.5(a) by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 South 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, Phone: (877) 299-3642, Fax: 217-782- 1396, E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

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